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Arkansas: Mostly cloudy this afternoon, tonight, Tuesday. Cold this afternoon, tonight. High today mid to upper 40's; low tonight 25-28. Experiment Station report for 24-hour period ending at 8 a. m. Monday, High 54, Low 34, precipitation 1.14 inches.

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## Holiday Violent Death Toll Has Reached 715

By The Associated Press

The nation counted a toll of 715 accident deaths during its 1953 Christmas holiday weekend.

The final tabulation today listed 59 traffic victims, 82 who died in fires and 111 victims of all other types of fatal accidents.

Lives lost on the streets and highways exceeded a pre-holiday estimate by the National Safety Council. The Council had calculated that 510 fatalities would occur during the 78-hour period between 6 a. m. Thursday and midnight Sunday.

This year's traffic toll fell short of the 1950 record of 545 for a three day Christmas period. The greatest Christmas traffic death toll ever recorded was 550 during 1952's four-day holiday. Nevertheless, it meant one death every nine minutes during the holiday this year.

The rate of deaths in traffic during the Christmas weekend was more than 50 per cent greater than the average daily toll of 102 for the first 11 months of the year.

A non-holiday survey of week-end accident deaths earlier this month showed 310 traffic deaths reported in 78 hours. This check, covering the period from 6 p. m. Dec. 3, to midnight Dec. 6 resulted in an over-all accident toll of 432—including 33 fire deaths and 89 from miscellaneous causes.

No attempt was made to count the number of non-fatal injuries or of traffic crashes believed to number several thousand.

The final tally for the 1953-Christmas period, listing deaths from traffic, fires and miscellaneous accidents, gave this breakdown by states:

Alabama 14 3 3; Arizona 6 0 0; Arkansas 6 3 2; California 42 4 13; Colorado 2 0 0 Connecticut 8 1 1; Delaware 2 0 0; Florida 11 0 11 Georgia 20 0 0; Idaho 1 0 2 Illinois 27 2 2 Indiana 12 0 4; Iowa 13 0 1 Kansas 4 1 0 Kentucky 20 7 2 Louisiana 4 1 3 Maine 3 0 0; Maryland 6 5 2; Massachusetts 9 4 1; Michigan 28 5 3; Minnesota 6 0 0; Mississippi 5 5 3; Missouri 21 0 0 Montana 2 0 1; Nebraska 3 0 3 Nevada 1 0 0 New Hampshire 2 0 1; New Jersey 22 4 4; New Mexico 5 0 0; New York 35 2 5 North Carolina 22 7 2; Ohio 23 3 6; Oklahoma 9 1 1; Oregon 4 1 1; Pennsylvania 13 7 7 Rhode Island 0 10 South Carolina 4 2 1 South Dakota 2 0 0; Tennessee 16 5 2; Texas 21 8 7; Utah 1 0 0 Vermont 4 0 0 Virginia 17 5 7; Washington 6 0 0; West Virginia 17 1 2; Wisconsin 15 3 9 District of Columbia 0 1 0

Christmas holiday deaths took a total of 661 lives but dwindled in the final hours of the three-day weekend to lessen possibilities of new records.

Leading the death parade for the 78-hour weekend beginning Thursday at 6 p. m. and ending Sunday at midnight were 465 traffic fatalities. Another 76 persons died in fires. Miscellaneous accidents caused 110 deaths.

Belated reports were expected to swell the figures and the 610 traffic deaths estimated by the National Safety Council remained within possibility.

By early Sunday the traffic toll was moving at a rate of seven deaths an hour and experts believed the final figure would exceed the three-day record of 545 deaths set in 1950 and possibly that of 1952 when 568 traffic deaths resulted in a four-day period.

A pre-holiday survey by the Associated Press for a 78-hour period including a weekend listed 310 deaths on the streets and highways, 33 by fire and 89 miscellaneous.

## Hope Man Hit by Truck

Olden Q. (Joe Bob) Stewart, son of Mrs. M. D. Downs of Hope, was injured about 5 a. m. December 24 when hit by a transport truck at Naples, Texas. He was enroute to Hope at the time of the accident. His family here said he was in a Naples Hospital for treatment of facial and head lacerations.

## One Arrested in Minor Accident

Saturday about 8:40 p. m. autos driven by S. D. Adcock of Fatmos ran into the back of an auto driven by Curtis Chambliss at Main and Sixth Streets. City Police reported today. Little damage resulted. Officers placed a charge of driving while intoxicated against Adcock.

## Oldest Flag

The flag of Austria, adopted in 1232, was the oldest in use in the world until its incorporation with Germany in 1938, according to the Encyclopedia Britannica.

## Local Negroes Involved in Shooting

TEXARKANA — Three Negroes were in a hospital and two in jail for assault with intent to kill Christmas eve night following a shooting and killing fracas three miles east of Texarkana on Highway 67.

Injured were Trenton Cooper, 30, Hope, bullet wound in leg and cuts about the body; Tom Burks, 26, Texarkana, bullet wound in arm and cuts; and Jimmy Lee Cheatham, 24, Negro woman of Hope, knife cuts about the wrist and shoulder. None were in a serious condition.

Booked by the Miller County Sheriff's department for assault with intent to kill were: A. M. Freeman, 22, and Herman Coker, 23, both of Hope.

## Arkansas Death Toll Reaches 10

By The Associated Press

Violence ran rampant in Arkansas over the long Christmas holidays at least 11 persons lost their lives, six of them in traffic accidents. A total of 25 violent deaths were recorded for the seven-day period ending last midnight.

Roscoe Osborn of Lacouche, Fla., died in a Jonesboro hospital today from burns suffered last night when fire destroyed a 2-room cabin at Ravenel.

Osborn and his family had planned to spend the night in the cabin, which was owned by a friend. The fire started when the victim attempted to kindle a fire with fuel oil.

Mrs. Osborn was burned in the resulting explosion, but the couple's four children escaped unhurt.

Mr. and Mrs. Mary V. Kirk of Collierville, Tenn., were killed last night near Fort-St. City when their automobile collided head-on with a car driven by Bob Williams of Pine Bluff. The mishap occurred on Highway 70. Williams was injured critically and is in a Forrest City hospital.

Roy Hilderbrand, 17, of Green Forest, was injured fatally yesterday near Berryville when the car in which he was riding overturned.

A 67-year-old Hope Negro, Marshall Morris, died yesterday of injuries suffered Saturday when he was struck by a car near Fulton, Ark.

Mrs. Mylie Morrison of Bauxite was injured fatally Saturday night when she was struck by a car while crossing a downtown street in West Memphis. The 70-year-old woman was visiting her son in West Memphis.

A 17-year-old Russellville High School student, Thompson Linker, was killed Saturday night when his shotgun discharged after a hunting trip. Pope County Coroner W. O. Young returned a verdict of accidental death.

A Christmas night explosion and fire took the life of 93-year-old John Dye, who lived alone at Cherry Valley, near Wynne.

## Heavy Damage in Accident Here

Eugene Guilliams of Hope was charged by City Police with failure to yield the right-of-way following a wreck at Main and Third St. City Officers said Guilliams was attempting to make a left turn under a stop light and his vehicle collided with another driven by Floyd McCorkle. Both cars were heavily damaged.

## Altercation Brings Arrest

At 2:15 a. m. Sunday City Police arrested Elbert Williams, Negro following an altercation at Calvin Douglas' place on N. Hazel in which another Negro, Johnny Johnson was cut with a bottle. He was not seriously injured. An aggravated assault charge was placed against Williams.

## Boyle Feels Week Following Christmas Should Be Named Nat'l Sleep Walking Week

By hal oyle  
NEW YORK (AP) — Did you bump into anybody on the way to work today? And did it kind of puzzle you, as your eyes were wide open at the time?

Well, don't let it worry you. You're just another victim of the "lost year end." Practically everybody is suffering from the same ailment. Check your own case by these come-on symptoms:

1. An overwhelming desire to work yourself into a lethargy instead of a lather.

2. An urge to postpone decisions of any nature, including even the question of replacing a broken shoe string.

3. A feeling that life can be beautiful but who wants to go to the bother of changing it when it looks okay as it is?

4. A dreamy wonder about what

## Army Starts Reducing Force in Korea

By ELTON C. FAY

WASHINGTON, — The Army set out today to carry out President Eisenhower's order for reducing infantry forces in Korea, a dramatic first example of the "new look" military police going into effect.

A spokesman said the decision on which two of the six army divisions in Korea would be withdrawn initially from the armistice-silenced front was one for the Far East Army Command to decide.

Officials of that command said departure of the divisions could not come immediately, here were indications that a procedure used in Europe at the close of World War II would be followed in Korea. At that time, men whose overseas duty was nearing an end were transferred into a division earmarked for return and men in that division with short service were assigned to an outfit scheduled to sail.

That process takes several weeks at a minimum. The high level decision to start cutting Army ground force strength was not reached until about 10 days ago and the detailed instructions began to filter down to the working level of the Army only over the week-end.

Eisenhower, in the formal statement is issued at Augusta, Ga., left out all reference to overall military manpower policy changes. But the action obviously could have eventual influence on the size of the Army.

## Problem of Prisoners Faces UN

By WILLIAM C. BARNARD

PANMUNJOM — A three-member majority of the Neutral Nations Repatriation Commission today turned back to the U. N. Communist commands the question of what to do with more than 22,000 war prisoners who have refused to go home.

An Indian command spokesman said that if the two commands reach no agreement by Jan. 22, "we do not appear to have any legal right to hold them (the prisoners)."

The majority report was signed by the Indian chairman and by Czechoslovakia and Poland.

Switzerland and Sweden filed a minority report saying it was "appropriate" to refer the prisoner problem back to the two commands. But the Swiss and Swedes said they could see no reason for a formal report at this time. They refused to sign the 44-page majority document which also charged South Korean interference in anti-Communist compounds and criticized the U. N. Command.

Official sources said there was little prospect that the majority report would lead to settlement of the bitter prison dispute.

The Allies held that the armistice provides specifically that unrepatriated prisoners be freed as civilians 30 days after the close of a 90-day period for explanations. That would mean the prisoners must be freed Jan. 22.

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Prisoners remain in custody pending action by the peace conference, regardless of when a conference is convened.

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MOST PRECIOUS GIFT — Patricia Lee, 8, receives a new lease on life as a Christmas "present" as she is carried to an ambulance by his Boston fireman. Patricia and four other children were trapped in the Lee's third-floor apartment when the family's Christmas tree caught fire. All were rescued. — NEA Telephoto

## Year 1953 Was Good and Bad, Depending on Which Side of the Fence You Were On

By CARL BELL

LITTLE ROCK (AP) — In Arkansas, 1953 was a good year and a bad year — depending upon which side of the fence you happened to be on.

It was a good year if you were a cotton or rice farmer, a poultry producer, an industrialist or a businessman; a bad one if you were a farmer trying to raise other crops or a cattleman; little different than any other recent year if you worked for the oil, steel, and a busy year if you were a police officer.

Agriculture was — as always — the chief means of livelihood in this state; and as usual — its success depended upon the weather.

An early freeze hit the grapes and spring rains delayed planting but the major factor was the drought that extended from mid-May well into the fall.

The dry, hot weather played havoc with all growing crops except cotton and rice. Those two commodities were produced in greater amounts in 1953 than either in the year before or on the average for the past 10 years.

Production and monetary value of poultry went up.

As a whole, agricultural production was increased over 1952 — due principally to cotton, rice and poultry — but the estimated monetary value of all crops dropped from \$444,424,000 in '52 to \$431,183,000, or three per cent.

Cattle raisers caught a blow of almost knockout force as the drought burned out their pastures. They received some relief through the government's emergency hay program but still found it necessary to slaughter more head at lighter weights than they would have if feed had been plentiful.

The University of Arkansas Bureau of Business and Economic Research said that, despite a few signs of weakness, business activity generally continued at high levels. Arkansians made more money and spent more money in 1953 than they did in 1952.

While the average weekly salary climbed from \$46.91 in 1952 to \$49.61 in 1953, according to statistics kept by the Employment Security Division, state AFL President C. W. Mowery said, "Our pay scales haven't caught up with the cost of living yet."

Employment generally was high. The ESD estimated that an average of 319,700 persons worked each month in Arkansas during the past year, compared to a monthly average of 318,200 in 1952. Financial figures will not be available until sometime next month.

Industrial expansion which exceeded expectations contributed to the number of persons employed and to the money they made.

The Arkansas Economic Council, State Chamber of Commerce says at least 50 new manufacturing plants have been located in the state within the past 12 months, representing a capital investment of 11½ million dollars.

On top of that some 92 million dollars worth of expansion "was carried out or planned for existing Arkansas industries."

Industrial leaders believe this is only the beginning, though.

C. Hamilton Moses, Arkansas Power and Light board chairman who fathered the "Arkansas plan" for bringing more industry to the state, said, "The long run prospect is bright."

Largest coal-loading crane in the world is a Toledo, Ohio.

By LYLE C. WILSON

WASHINGTON, Dec. 28 (UP) — A twenty-three year trend of steadily rising direct and indirect federal taxation will end this week-end, or it merely be interrupted? That question will remain unanswered for some time.

Approximately 50,000,000 personal income tax payers will get a 16 per cent annual reduction after midnight, Dec. 31. Simultaneously the excess profits tax on corporations will lapse.

Some 10,000,000 lower bracket taxpayers will be less fortunate. They are mostly those whose net income does not make them liable to any payment to the treasury or whose tax liability is only a few dollars. They do pay social security taxes, however, and those rates are scheduled on Jan. 1 to increase on employee and employer alike from one and one half per cent to two per cent.

Tax relief for this latter group is not likely in 1954 unless congress does some trimming among the excise and special taxes which are levied on a long list of articles ranging from furs and jewelry to theater admissions.

Corporations may get another tax break June 30, 1954 if all or part of a scheduled corporate income tax reduction is permitted to take effect. It would reduce the regular corporate rate from 52 to 47 per cent.

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## Reds Claiming French Troops Are Deserting

SAIGON, Indo-China (UP) — The Communist Viet Minh radio today that French Union forces were deserting to the Reds in wholesale lots as a mighty Communist offensive drove southward toward Saigon and Cambodia.

The Viet Minh slashed across Indo-China's narrow waist to the border of Thailand Saturday, then wheeled southward in their best offensive of the war. Other rebel forces pushed northward along the long Thailand border.

They were under orders to "destroy the enemy" wherever they found him.

The Communist radio in central Laos said a "vast area" between central Viet Nam on the coast and the Mekong river had been "liberated" and that "most" Laotian troops were deserting to the Communist Laotian government-in-hiding.

French sources reported loyal Laotian troops fighting guerrilla actions to delay the Communist advance from the Mekong river toward Thakhek toward Savannakhet, 50 miles to the south. A huge airlift poured French reinforcements into Savannakhet.

In Thailand, across the Mekong river from Thakhek, demobilization plans were cancelled and troops were ordered to remain on duty for three more months.

The invasion of Laos which followed repeated "peace" feelers by rebel chieftain Ho Chi Minh, caused concern throughout the free world.

In Taipei, Formosa, Adm. Arthur W. Radford, chairman of the U. S. chiefs of staff, said he did not believe the Reds would "be foolish enough to attack Thailand."

Radford said, however, he believed the shooting would be localized and wouldn't "bring about a world war" if the Communists poured into Thailand.

French newspapers in Paris appealed for outside aid or for help in arranging a truce to end the war in Indo-China, now in its eighth year.

In a victorious order of the day, Ho exhorted his Red troops to "destroy the enemy and achieve new feats of arms."

Field Commander Vo Nguyen Giap took columns of troops southward in a drive to capture Savannakhet before the French have a chance to strike back.

As Vo's troops moved southward a French airlift of military transports and civil airliners dumped tons of supplies into the big Savannakhet.

Battlefront reports said rebel Continued on Page Two

## Mrs. A. W. Collins of Spring Hill Succumbs Today

Mrs. Arthur Wilkerson Collins, aged 88, long time resident of Spring Hill, died today at the home of a daughter, Mrs. C. A. Phipps.

Survivors include her husband, four other daughters Mrs. George Smith of Wilpott, Texas, Mrs. Ruby Joris of Spring Hill, La., Mrs. Andrew Smith of Denton, Texas and Mrs. A. O. Bright of Fulton, three stepdaughters, Mrs. Spord Souter of Texarkana, Mrs. Cora Jackson and Mrs. Nora Wells of Tex., a son, Paul Wilkerson of Falls Texas and three stepsons Robert Collins of Spring Hill, W. H. Collins of Texarkana and A. W. Collins of Booneville.

Funeral services will be held at 2:30 p. m. Tuesday at Spring Hill Baptist Church with burial in New Hope Cemetery.

## Revolt There But Reds Like to Ignore

Editor's Note—William L. Ryan, AP foreign news analyst, is back from a three-month trip to the Soviet Union. He speaks Russian and he traveled alone through eight of the republics that make up the U.S.S.R. This is the first in a series of uncensored articles in which Ryan describes and analyzes post-Stalin Russia as he saw it.

By WILLIAM L. RYAN  
AP Foreign Analyst

The post-Stalin era has brought the Soviet Communist party face to face with a bloodless revolution it would like to ignore.

"I invest in bonds for your future," other Soviet capitals are more than mere advertisements. They are portraits of the future:

"Invest in bonds for your future."

"Save your money in a savings bank."

"I traveled more than 6,000 miles inside the Soviet Union and saw a large slice of the vast, powerful and puzzling country, a shifting and sloppy giant among nations which realizes its own strength and is frightened at its own weakness."

There was evidence of something which may prove one of the most significant developments since the Bolshevik revolution, and also one of the brightest hopes for a lasting world peace.

It is this: The Soviet Union seems to be undergoing a middle class revolution, no less powerful because it is non-violent and gradual.

In spite of Communist doctrine—in fact, in spite of itself — the U.S.S.R. is building a powerful middle class with an insatiable ownership. Some day it may engulf and overwhelm the Communist party.

I did not find revolutionary restlessness, but I did find evidence of annoyance and irritation with the bureaucracy. There was foundation confidence being expressed, high and low, that now was the time for a change, that better things were in store.

"We have a new boss now," a young engineer told me.

"We have a new government now," said a teacher in central Asia.

Over and over again I heard words like this—words indicating relief that Stalin was gone, hope that something new was on the horizon.

Some frankly admitted that Premier Georgi Malenkov's promise of a better life in "two to three years" was highly optimistic. There are at least 10 years of road building, home building, machine production and transport development.

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## Hundreds of Red Spies in U. S., Gouzenko Says

WASHINGTON, (UPI) — Igor Gouzenko former Russian code clerk in Ottawa who uncovered a red espionage network, said today he believes "hundreds" of Soviet spies are still operating in the United States and Canada.

"As some indication, they (the Russian embassy) spend several million dollars a year in telegram alone," he said.

"The fact that some of them have been apprehended doesn't mean that others will stop working," Gouzenko said in a copyrighted interview in U.S. News & World Report, a weekly news magazine. "Fear is not something that will compel them to stop."

Gouzenko dramatically broke with the Communists in 1945. He walked out of the Soviet Embassy in Ottawa and turned over documents to Canadian authorities that led to numerous espionage convictions, including that of Allen Nunn, the English atomic scientist.

And the evidence for the first time pointed the finger at similar spy rings in this country.

Gouzenko said the Kremlin has infiltrated the United States and Canada with "agents resident" who make no contact with other agents. They operate independently and have "direct" radio contact with Moscow.

Gouzenko said some of these agents are probably still broadcasting American and Canadian secrets to Russia. The way to capture them, he said, is to make it worthwhile for some of them to quit and come out with their documents.

Gouzenko, 34, said he thinks Sen. Joseph R. McCarthy (R-Wis.) and other congressional spy hunters in the United States are doing a good job but are hampered by a lack of documentary evidence. McCarthy "is doing the right thing because he is bringing into the open many things which many people are trying to use as excuses and pretexts," Gouzenko said.

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knowing why. The real purpose of this fall, of course, is to rest up from saying "Merry Christmas" so you'll have the strength to say "Happy New Year" with a forced air.

If you had the common sense of the woodchuck, he would follow in example of the woodchuck which is to crawl into a hole, pull the hole in after him, and fall asleep. But many must pretend to go through his normal "but that line" routine, even though he really is kidding himself.

In most offices this interlude between holidays is a week of an official vacation. The boss knows it, but there isn't much he can do about it, as he is a victim of "year-enditis" himself. If he tried to give his sales staff a pay raise, it would wind up in a snore.

It is a time when all that even the go-gettingest together can do is go to bed. The unfulfilled dreams of 1953 are now in the wastebasket. The goals of 1954 are still in the dark drawer.

A fellow makes a conscientious man at his job, and what happens? Everything goes wrong. The important papers you want you can't find. The guy you want to reach on the phone had gone south. So have the smarter racehorses.

Everything is in abeyance. We stand relaxed as a bridge is lowered and another year, kind of worn out by the year we have lived, is drawing a big deep breath before plunging into the year ahead.

So let us enjoy the haze of their final days and close them in a pleasant doze—if we can get away with it. For when we take a look at the new calendar on our desks next week, everybody will start jumping as if time had hit a firecracker under him, and the slogan again will be:

"On, Elmer, on."

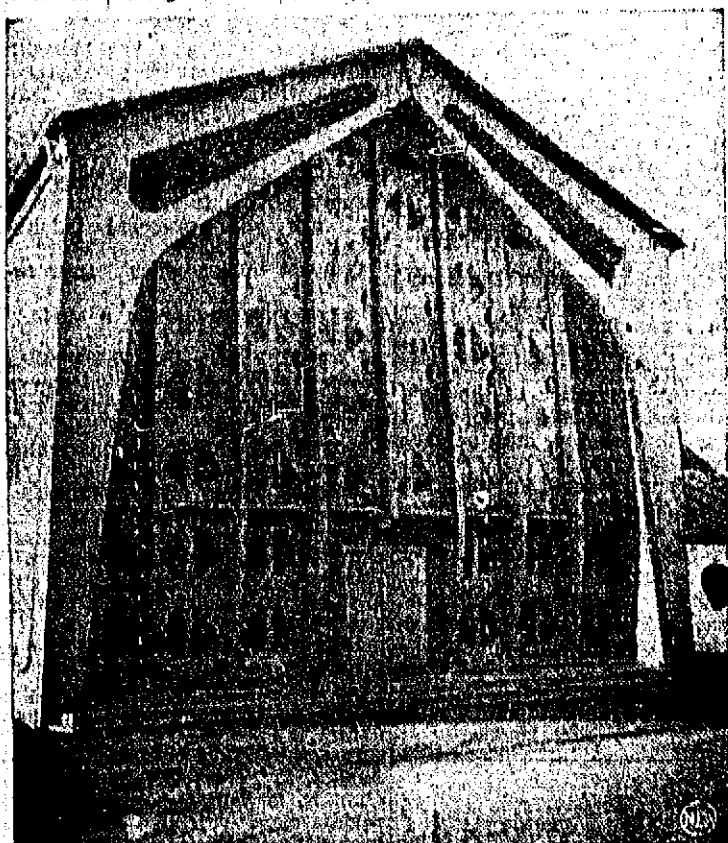
Anybody want to buy a used Christmas tree?



**EUROPEAN HARMONY**—Age-old European friends seem to end as Fred Kreuger receives the best wishes of Nicole Droule, left, "Miss France," and Alexandra Ladikou, right, "Miss Greece." After winning the "Miss Germany" title in Hamburg, a special election was held by the International Miss Europe Beauty Committee because they had neglected to choose a "Miss Germany."



**CONFESSOR GOES OUTDOORS**—Three women kneel at open-air confessionals at the Sanctuary of the Divine Love near Rome, Italy. The confessionals, believed to be the only outdoor rural confessionals, were erected near the spot where the Madonna is reported to have appeared to a Roman girl in 1700.



**FAR CRY FROM GOTHIC**—An example of the modern trend in church architecture is this new concrete church built in Cologne, Germany. Designed by Georg Maria Latzberg, the semicircular structure was completed in 11 months. Only the six main pillars were made on the spot, all other parts were formed at a concrete plant and assembled at the building site. The front wall forms a huge stained-glass "window."



**PISTOL-PACKIN' CHERUB**—Angels, who frown on violence even though they smile on little boys, remind Kenneth Brodt, of Allentown, Pa., that six-guns aren't the thing to wear to choir rehearsal. They've seen to it that his gown catches on the butt of his artillery, as he dresses for Christmas practice with the boy's choir of Bethlehem Church of the Nativity. Blase Sadtler, right, and Rollin Schow, fellow chorists, seem undisturbed.

## Year 1953 Was

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pects for Arkansas are the brightest in its history."

Gov. Francis Cherry, too, thinks "the outlook for future industrial development of Arkansas is much more favorable today than at any time."

The year 1953 found things relatively quiet on the labor-management front.

Up to Dec. 15, a total of 121 labor disputes had been reported to the State Labor Department. Of these, 75 were settled without a work stoppage, 45 were settled after strikes were called and 15 others remained unsettled.

The largest strike was that of CIO Communications Workers in six states against Southwestern Bell Telephone Company. About 2,500 Bell employees were idled in Arkansas alone. The dispute ended with a compromise wage increase.

Asst. State Labor Commissioner Jim Griffin said 1953 produced an outstanding record of improvement in industrial relations.

There were no major death-dealing fires such as those which killed 121 Arkansans on March 20, 1952, alone, but there was tragedy in 1953.

One of the worst was the suffocation of five children who became imprisoned in an old-fashioned icebox on a Crutchen County farm Aug. 12.

Other multiple tragedies included fires which killed four at Brainerd, Feb. 3, four at Blytheville, March 25 and four more at Pine Bluff Dec. 13, and a car-truck collision which took five lives at Marietta April 30.

Traffic deaths declined slightly. State Police reported 414 highway and street fatalities through Dec. 13, compared to 447 for the corresponding period of 1952.

Incomplete records show that 84 persons died in fires up to mid-December and that at least 60 drowned.

The past year also had its share of crime. Records of only those cases called to the attention of State Police reflect more murders, more armed robberies, more rape cases, more kidnappings, more burglaries and more embezzlements in 1953 than there were in 1952. But fewer car thefts.

Killing children and robbing banks commanded the biggest headlines.

Early in the year, Mrs. Linda Epperson Head was convicted of second degree murder and sentenced to 12 years in prison for the slaying of her 5-year-old foster daughter, Mary Wolfe, at Des Arc. Her husband, James Head, was charged with first degree murder and committed to the State Hospital when found insane.

While the case was pending in 1953, little Mary's death actually occurred in late December, 1952. She was beaten, bound with wire and anchored to the bottom of a rain barrel at the Head home.

At Hot Springs in November, Mrs. Velma Lorene Swafford admitted killing her two children, Mike, 8, and Donna Ruth, 2, with injections of demerol. She said she decided to kill Mike because he had the incurable disease, muscular dystrophy; to take her own life and to kill Donna Ruth because she didn't want the little girl to go through life alone.

Mrs. Swafford, found unconscious from an overdose of sleeping pills, recovered in a hospital and now is awaiting trial on first degree murder charges.

More than \$100,000 was stolen in seven bank robberies during the year, but some of it was recovered with capture of the culprits.

The largest stick-up occurred Sept. 24 when a lone gunman crammed \$51,079 into a cotton picking sack at a Marmaduke branch bank and fled. He still is at large, money and all.

The second largest haul was \$10,750, made by two Kansans at the Citizens Bank and Trust Company of Van Buren in late June. They were nabbed the next day on a tip supplied by a Van Buren high school girl, and the loot was recovered.

In spite of this outbreak of crime, preachers saw 1953 as a good year for religion.

They reported that more Arkansans went to church, bought more Bibles, saw more biblical movies and contributed more money for church work than ever before in history.

Some ministers felt this was an indication that people are emerging from a materialistic period into a period of greater worship of God. Others expressed opinion that a universal return to the church may be under way as an aftermath of confusion and uncertainty in the atomic age.

For an "off year" — one without a statewide election — 1953 was quiet active politically.

As expected 1954 senatorial race between U. S. John L. McClellan and former Gov. Sid McMath apparently has been underway nearly all year.

McClellan has made it plain he'll seek a third term. McMath hasn't said one way or the other; just that he's "considering" it. Neither man has passed up many speaking opportunities.

Arkansas Republicans were in the news all year.

Little Rock's GOP mayor, Pratt Reamuel, won a second term. In contrast to his first victory in 1951, some said he slipped in because Democrats took election of their man for granted and neglected to vote. Reamuel triumphed over a determined and organized opposition this time.

## Million Feet of Lumber Burns

Esopora, Miss. — A spectacular planing mill fire partially through one million board feet of lumber before firemen from three towns brought it under control early today.

The giant blaze still was smoldering at 8 a.m., 12 hours after it broke out from undetermined cause yesterday.

There was no immediate estimate of the damage.

Flames swept through the seasoned lumber stacked around the plant.

## Loyalty Check Has Bugged Down

WASHINGTON (AP) — A proposed loyalty-security checkup on all the approximately 1,800 employees of the Senate has bogged down, although it was recommended by a unanimous Senate vote 10 months ago.

J. Mark Rice, Senate secretary, and several senators who asked that their names not be used cited three reasons for the plans failure:

(1) A legal prohibition against disclosure of FBI data to persons not authorized to receive it, (2) failure of the Senate to vote the FBI special funds to help with the checkup, and (3) disinterest on the part of some senators.

## Russellville Area to Get New Plant

RUSSELLVILLE, (AP) — A \$200,000 rendering plant will be built between here and Dardanelle by the Standard Rendering Co., of Kansas City, Mo.

The Russellville and Dardanelle Chambers of Commerce announced today that the plant will be constructed. They said it will consist of a main two-story structure and other buildings totaling 20,000 square feet of floor space. The plant will employ between 35 and 50 persons, the announcement said. Work on the project is to start immediately.

Another plant to manufacture organic fertilizer will be constructed once the rendering operation is underway, officials said.

## Burns Fatal to Florida Man

JONESBORO, (AP) — A 46-year-old Florida man died at a hospital here today from burns suffered last night when fire destroyed a two-room cabin at Ravenden, Ark.

He was Roscoe Osborn of Lenocho, Miss.

Osborn's wife was burned seriously but the couple's four children escaped unhurt.

Mrs. Osborn said her husband was attempting to build a fire in a wood stove with kerosene when the fuel exploded. She said she and the children pulled Osborn from the burning cabin.

Mrs. Osborn said the family had planned to stay overnight at the cabin, which was owned by a friend.

Cant's familiar is the scientific name of the common dog.

Fully-matured peppercorns are used to make white pepper, while berries are picked before reaching maturity to make black pepper.

so-called "insurgents" who rode President Eisenhower's bandwagon in 1952 seemed to be gaining strength.

In December, when Jero Cobb resigned as state chairman to become U. S. district attorney, another "old guard" A. L. Barber, of Little Rock, was elected to succeed him. However, Barber was by a margin of only one vote over Verne Tindall of Stuttgart, leader of the Eisenhower wing.

Cherry began his first year as governor by getting most of what he wanted from the Legislature. The major item was his Fiscal Code, reshaping the state's financial and purchasing procedures. Some parts of this comprehensive and complicated legislation were cut out later by Supreme Court rulings and attorney general's opinions.

Except for the fiscal code, the principal laws enacted by the 1953 Legislature were of a social type. One requires a pre-marital examination for venereal diseases. Other make mandatory the waiting periods of 30 days before issuance of a divorce decree and three days before issuance of a marriage license.

The quest for education continued in 1953, but it's questionable whether Arkansas' college enrollment was up or down during the year.

The U. S. Office of Education said Arkansas enrollment declined 4.6 per cent. But Dean A. J. Crabaugh of Arkansas Tech said that figure included part-time students and that the enrollment of full-time undergraduate students in the state-supported colleges actually had increased 4.8 per cent.

One of the nation's chief unsettled questions as 1953 bows out is whether continued segregation of races in southern schools will be permitted. Several cases on the issue still are pending before the U. S. Supreme Court.

However, Arkansas doesn't appear outwardly to be as excited over the issue as some other southern states.

This state in the past year has made strides toward equalization of segregated school facilities. In several instances, federal court suits have been settled with school authorities agreeing to make Negro school facilities equal to those provided for whites.

## National Forestry Award Won By Arkansas 4-H Youth



Delmar Tyece, above right, of Prescott, Ark., is awarded a scholarship as one of four national 4-H Club forestry winners. Presenting the award is J. C. McClellan, left, chief forester for American Forest Products Industries, Inc., sponsor of the national 4-H forestry competition. The Nevada County youth was honored at the recent National 4-H Club Congress at Chicago.

Proof that trees are a cash crop can be found in the record of an 18-year-old Nevada County youth who in 1953 received \$4,725.12 for his woodlot harvest.

This feat, coupled by an outstanding record of tree planting and forest fire control, won national honors and a scholarship for Delmar Tyece, of Prescott, Ark.

The award donor was American Forest Products Industries, Inc., industry-supported group which sponsors many nation-wide tree growing programs. In Arkansas the national organization is represented by the Arkansas Forest Industries Committee.

"For years my father has worked in the woods for the Ozark Lumber Company at Prescott," says Delmar, "and talk at our home centers around the production of timber and its uses. I grew up with a natural interest in forestry."

The Pleasant Hill Community 4-H member has planted 50 acres of trees with the aid of his father. He has cruised 150 acres, made selective cuttings on 142 acres and established a two-

acre timber improvement plot. He and his county agent have supervised the planting of 80,000 trees by 4-H members within three years. Besides protecting his father's woodlands from fire, young Tyece is an assistant fire warden in his community.

Nationally more than 40,000 boys and girls participated in the 4-H forestry competition. The program is conducted in 41 states.

"These youngsters are tomorrow's tree farmers," declares J. C. McClellan, chief forester for the awards donor. "The lumber, pulp and paper, and other wood dependent industries which make this competition possible are proud to have a role in this project. It's part of a vast industry effort to insure adequate wood for our future needs."

## MARKETS

ST. LOUIS NATIONAL STOCK YARDS, (U. P.) — Livestock:

Hogs 11,500; compared last Thursday, barrows and gilts 50-75; lower; active at decline; good early clearance; 180230 lbs 26.25-26.50; few 170 lbs 26.75-150.170 lbs 25.50-26.50; top 26.50; 240500 lbs 25.50-26.00; 270300 lbs 24.25-25.25; load yearlings in moderate numbers; 12 of 325 lbs at 23.5; sows steady; sows 400 lbs down 22.00-23.00; heavier sows 207521.50.

Cattle 8,000; calves 1,000. About 100 loads of steers; mostly big commercial to average choice; choice; heifers and mixed-butcher; yearlings in moderate numbers; 12 of 325 lbs at 23.5; sows steady; sows 400 lbs down 22.00-23.00; heavier sows 207521.50.

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## Notice

The Senior MYE members of the First Methodist Church will be entertained with a "Sock Hop" at the Barlow Hotel on Monday night (tonight) at 8 o'clock.

Mrs. Eldridge Cassidy  
Hostess To Practical  
Nurses Association

On Wednesday afternoon, Dec. 23, the Hope Division of Practical Nurses Association met at the home

of Mrs. Eldridge Cassidy.

During the business session an election of officers was held with the following ladies elected: president, Mrs. Cassidy, vice-president, Mrs. Wilma Garrett, secretary, reporter, Miss Emma Hartsfield, committee members — program chairman, Mrs. Wessie Pool, members Mrs. Ruby Rogers, Mrs. Virgie Robertson and Mrs. Alma Barbaree telephone committee, Mrs. George Stroud, Mrs. Wessie Pool, Mrs. Laura Braden and Mrs. Urbin Jones.

The third Tuesday of each month was designated as the meeting date for the ensuing year, and time for the meeting was set at 7 p. m.

The hostess served cake and coffee to eleven members.

Mr. and Mrs. Jack Strickland Entertained  
Mr. and Mrs. J. W. Strickland entertained Mr. and Mrs. Jack Strickland of St. Louis, Missouri, with a Christmas dinner on Saturday, December 26.

Guests were Mr. and Mrs. John Ray of Indianapolis, Indiana, Mr. and Mrs. Charles Middlebrooks and son of El Dorado, and Mr. and Mrs. Forest Middlebrooks of Columbus, Arkansas.

Mrs. M. T. Windsor Entertains With  
"Get Acquainted" Party  
Mrs. M. T. Windsor, (Katherine to her pupils), entertained the members of her dancing class and their mothers on Tuesday afternoon, December 22, with a "Get Acquainted" party.

Following a regular dancing class by the Beginners, the program was presented. It consisted of beginners as well as advance students.

Pam Parsons, daughter of Mr. and

Mrs. C. W. Parsons performed an advance tap number, "The Band Played On." Lynn Justus, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Ed Justus of Washington, and Angela Stewart, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Stewart of Nashville, presented a duet of tap and acrobatic numbers. Rebecca and Susan Waller, twin daughters of Mr. and Mrs. W. F. Waller of Hope, had several encores of a tap specialty, "Side Walks of New York."

Mrs. Windsor's small daughter, Sandra Kay, sang and danced a tune called, "I Saw Mama Kissing Santa Claus." Pam Parsons then did a difficult acrobatic number.

The program was concluded with the entire class and the instructor, Mrs. Windsor, participating in a tap number.

Pictures of the group were taken by Ed Justus.

Following the exchange of gifts, Mrs. Windsor assisted by Mrs. W. E. Waller served cake, coffee and milk to the guests.

Plans were made for a party to be held for the fathers of the children.

Members of the class include Pam Parsons, Rose Mary Purfoy Gale Hunter, Janu Hunter, Lynn Justus, Angela Stewart, Rebecca Waller, Susan Waller, Jo Ann Jones, Sandra Kay, and Michael Louis Windsor.

Classes will be resumed on Tuesday, January 5, 1954.

## Personal Mention

Mrs. H. J. Bailey is at the bedside of her husband who is critically ill in the Missouri-Pacific Hospital in Little Rock.

## Coming and Going

Miss Wilma Coleman of Little Rock, spent the holidays with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Y. C. Coleman.

Mr. and Mrs. Jack Gray of Texarkana, spent Christmas with home folks, Dr. and Mrs. Don Smith and family.

Mr. and Mrs. Doyle Willis and son, Mike of Lufkin, Texas are visiting friends and relatives in Hope.

Mr. and Mrs. R. C. (Bob) Ellen Jr., of Texarkana, have been the guests of Dr. and Mrs. Don Smith.

Mr. and Mrs. T. L. Smith and son, Thomas spent the holidays with relatives in Waldo.

Mr. and Mrs. John S. Young and family of Ft. Worth have returned to their home after a visit during the holidays with Mr. and Mrs. Sam Betts.

George Ruffin Marshall of New York is the guest of Mr. and Mrs. F. C. Marshall and Lawrence Marshall of Hope.

Dr. and Mrs. F. D. Henry have returned home after a visit in Monroe, Louisiana.

Mr. and Mrs. J. W. (Son) Jones of Dallas, Texas, spent the Christmas holidays in Hope.

Mr. and Mrs. C. E. Brooks have returned from Newport, where they spent the holidays with their daughter and her family, Reverend and Mrs. Glen Willard.

Misses Tawanna Green and Jo Ann Shields of Little Rock have been the guests of their parents.

Mr. and Mrs. Jack Strickland of St. Louis, Missouri, have been the guests of Mr. and Mrs. J. W. Strickland.

Thomas Carmichael of Greenville, South Carolina, spent Christmas with his sister.

Mitchell LaGrone is home for Christmas from Southern Methodist University, and is visiting his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Robert LaGrone.

Mr. and Mrs. Hillary Taylor and Mr. and Mrs. Homer Taylor and children of Dallas, returned to their homes after a visit with their parents, Mr. and Mrs. Henry Taylor.

Dr. and Mrs. Robert D. Sard of University City, Missouri, are the guests of Mr. and Mrs. F. C. Marshall and Lawrence Marshall. They were accompanied to Hope by their children, David Paul Sard, Fredrick Marshall Sard and Hannah Billock Sard.

Mr. and Mrs. A. N. Caudle and children of Little Rock, are in Hope for the holidays as guests of Mrs. Caudle's mother, Mrs. I. L. Pilkinton.

Anita Copeland and Beth Bridges, students at Hendrix College, are spending the Christmas holidays with their parents.

Miss Mary Lee Cook of Dallas spent the Christmas holidays with her mother, Sheriff Myrtle O. Cook.

## Arkansas School Population Declines

WASHINGTON, (AP)—Arkansas is the only state in the nation that did not show an increase in its school-age population from April 1, 1950 to July 1, 1952.

The Census Bureau yesterday released that fact among others concerning population changes in the United States according to age groups.

The study indicates that the nation's population is growing fastest among youths and the elderly, but the number of working age adults is shrinking.

The Census Bureau survey shows that the population of adults of working age, the biggest single group, declined by 675,000 to 83,987,000, a decrease of 0.7 per cent.

The population of school age children showed the biggest

growth, increasing 2,552,000 to a total of 33,112,000, a jump of 8.4 per cent.

The elderly population came next in growth with an increase of 832,000 to 13,201,000 or by 6.8 per cent.



You can splurge on a fur collar or belt, add other accessories to your wardrobe and still keep a strict budget intact. Simply make some accessories yourself. You might try making a hat, bag and scarf set. With velveteen, you will find that the work will go easily. And, of course, the material is very practical. The girl here is making a pixie hat, underarm bag and ascot.

She is styling the hat and bag with pointed buckles for a quilted outfit. With the buckles attached to her sewing machine, she (left) makes the buckles before cutting the fabric. Then (center) she cuts out the pattern. The set requires only a yard and a half of cotton-backed velveteen. Now (right), ready to step out in her new outfit, she adjusts hat at foyer mirror.

## DOROTHY DIX

Wed At 17 To Man, 32

Dear Miss Dix: Twelve years ago when I was 17, I was married to a man fifteen years my senior. At that time, I didn't know how to cook or do much in the house, but I tried very hard to be a good housekeeper. My husband continually compared me to other wives, and I tried to do as well as each one he mentioned. In the last few years nothing seems to please him. He finds fault with everything. Hard as I try, I don't seem to be able to make a success of housekeeping. We have two children, and nothing I do for them seems to be right, either.

Answer: Any man who expects a 17-year-old girl to be an expert housekeeper is certainly asking the impossible or, at least, the improbable. There are some girls who are born homemakers, but they are the exception. Your husband took his pattern of housekeeping from women who had had many years of experience, and expected you to live up to their standards. He was being much too exacting. Instead of helpful, your mistake, due to youth and inexperience, was in trying to imitate all of these paragons at once. Now, it's time for a fresh start. Forget how all the other ladies keep house; just make up your mind that henceforth your home will be run as Mrs. D.

wishes. After all, the other systems have proven futile in your case, so a new approach can't hurt. Being older now, you have some ideas of your own, and you are still young enough to be able to put them into practice. For help, I can recommend nothing finer than the women's magazines which seem to have answers to most problems. At first, don't burden yourself with too much variety in subject matter; go through two or three magazines, and you're bound to find a few of your own difficulties among those presented. Tackle the job and see it through. As for cooking, there are some splendid simple cookbooks that will teach you from scratch, if that's necessary. The important thing is to plan your work according to your own needs. Don't imitate other people, especially those held up to you by your husband.

Dear Miss Dix: Two months ago, the boy with whom I had been going steadily told me he had changed his mind, and didn't think he really loved me. I wanted to continue dating me, however, but felt that marriage between us was impossible. The reasons he gives seem flimsy to me. We are both college

## Cold Weather to Return to State Tonight

By The Associated Press

A short breather from sub-freezing temperatures will end tonight in Arkansas, says the U. S. Weather Bureau.

The forecaster predicted a low of 20 degrees in the northwestern area tonight, with lows ranging from 22 to 26 degrees in other sections of the state.

Arkansas has enjoyed mild weather since Christmas day, when a three-day cold wave ended. Twenty-five degrees at Fayetteville was the only below freezing temperature recorded in the state last night.

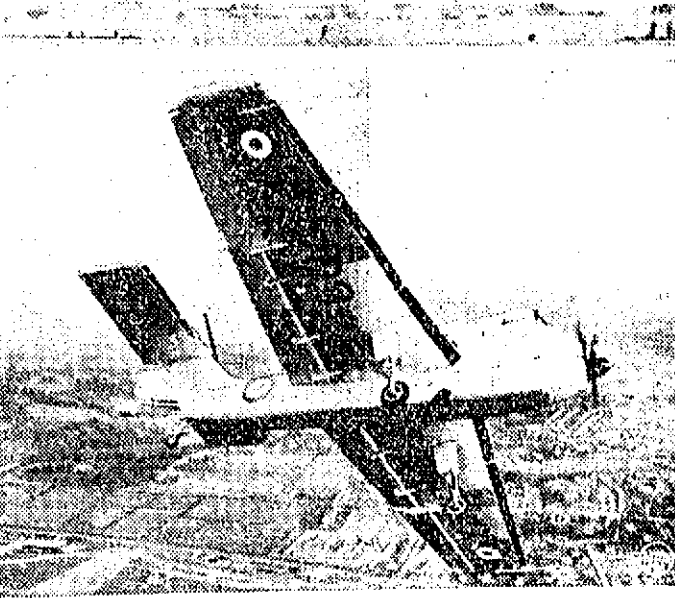
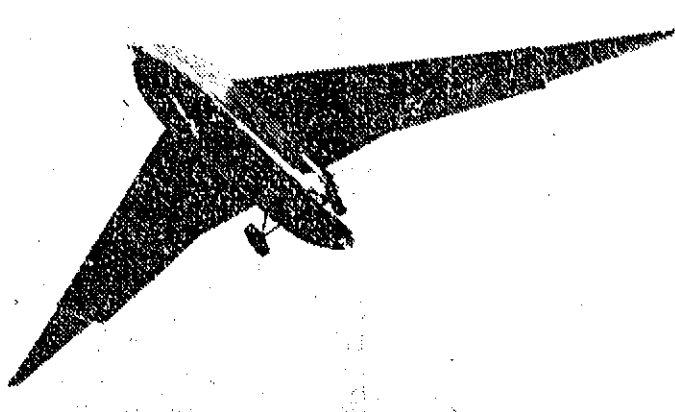
Other lows included 35 at Ft. Smith, 36 at Fort Smith, 30 at Newport, 30 at Batesville, 40 at Morrilton and 42 at Little Rock.

Rain fell throughout Arkansas last night, ranging from a light .14 of an inch at Ozark in the northwest to 1.55 at Camden in extreme southern Arkansas.

El Dorado and Hope each recorded 1.14 inches, while Bluff City has 1.02.

Cloudy skies but no rain was forecast for tonight and tomorrow.

George Washington died December 14, 1799.



MUSCLES FOR BRITAIN'S AIR ARM—To help NATO nations increase their air strength in Europe, Britain has added two new planes to her air force. The tailless Short Shepna, a bat-like jet, above, is designed to probe the problem of ultra-high-speed flight. The Seawew, below, is a new antisubmarine aircraft which can operate from escort and aircraft carriers. Both planes, shown in flight over Belfast, Ireland, will now go into production for the Royal Navy.



BUBBLE BLOWER—Heinz Kuhn is one of the few craftsmen left in Germany who sears modern machinery to blow Christmas balls in his small shop in the British sector of Berlin. During the holiday rush he has taken on additional help to cope with a flood of orders to make gaily-colored tree decorations.

## Prices Retard Cotton Exports

WASHINGTON, (AP) Exporting of cotton is being retarded by uncertainty regarding U.S. price and trade policies, the Department of Agriculture said yesterday.

Cotton is one of this country's major surplus commodities. The department's Foreign Agricultural Service said an additional 500,000 bales or more could be exported if the U. S. cotton price outlook were clarified in the near future.

Declining cotton exports has resulted in a surplus, necessitating rigid production controls on the 1954 crop. Extent of the embargo hasn't been determined as yet. The possibility that Congress may cut the acreage allotment for next year has tended to cloud future price prospects.

Famous Speech  
Patrick Henry, "the firebrand of the Revolution," made his famous "Caesar-Brutus" speech against the Stamp Act in the Capitol at Williamsburg, Va., on May 30, 1765.

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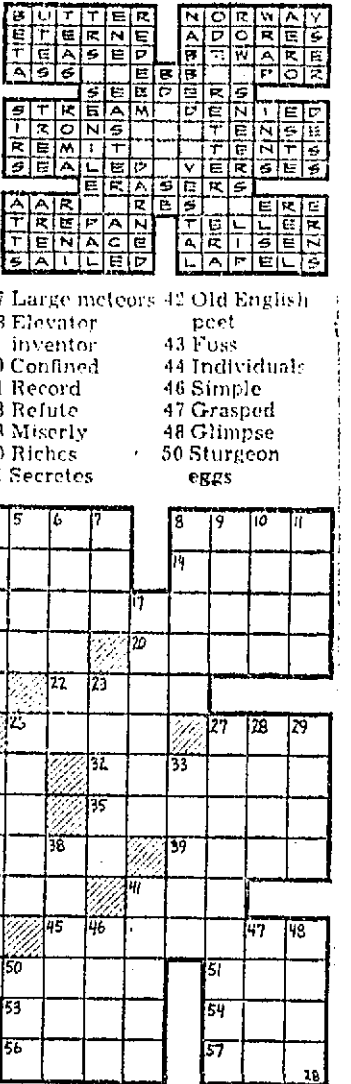


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Heavens Above

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- Seen in the heavens by day
  - Seen in the heavens by night
  - Hurt
  - Concerned
  - Learning
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  - Mocasin
  - In a boat's center
  - Ledges
  - Tight
  - View
  - Heating devices
  - Required
  - Drudge
  - Big book
  - What the sun does at morn
  - Color of Mars
  - Gray
  - Piece of money
  - Haunches
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  - Holy water
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Answer to Previous Puzzle



OUT OUR WAY

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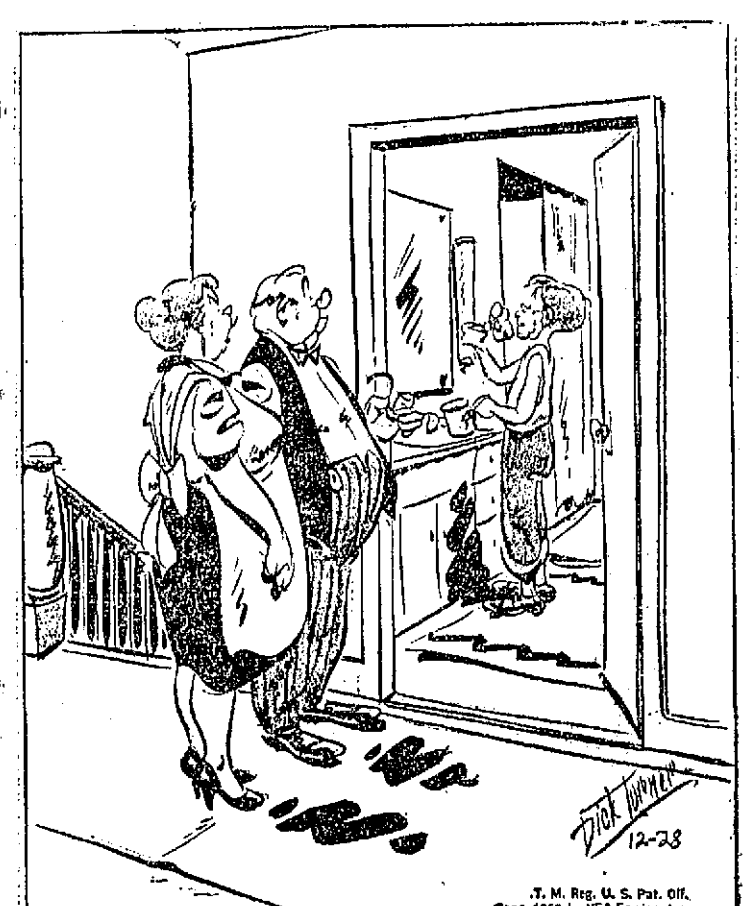
FUNNY BUSINESS

By Hershberger



CARNIVAL

By Dick Turner



"Now don't make fun of him, Elmo! After all, some of that lather is getting on his neck and ears!"

SIDE GLANCES

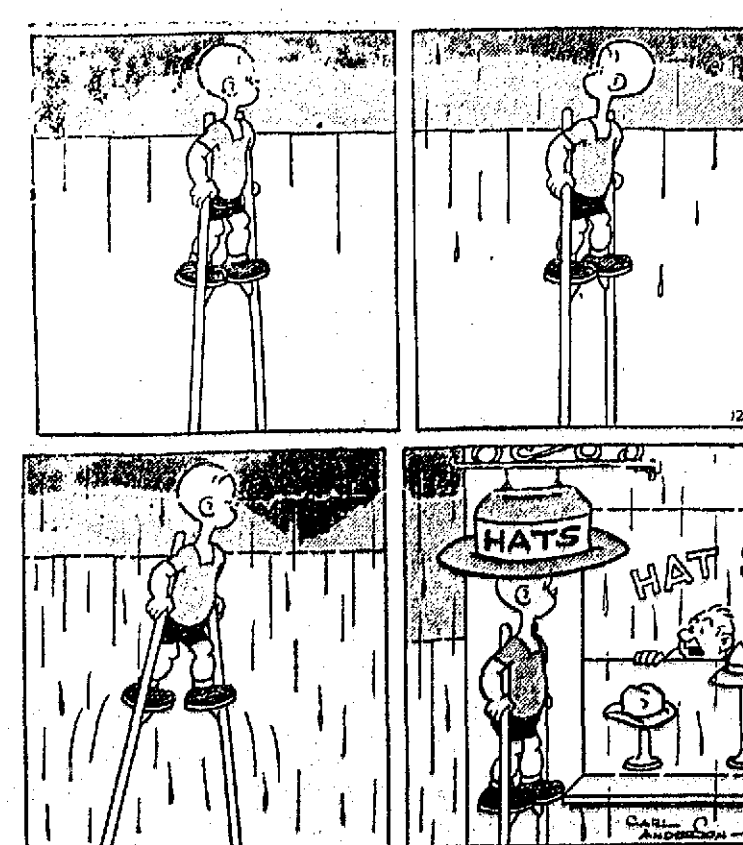
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"Harold gave me this encyclopedia because I let him think I'm intellectual—I'm going to exchange it for perfume!"

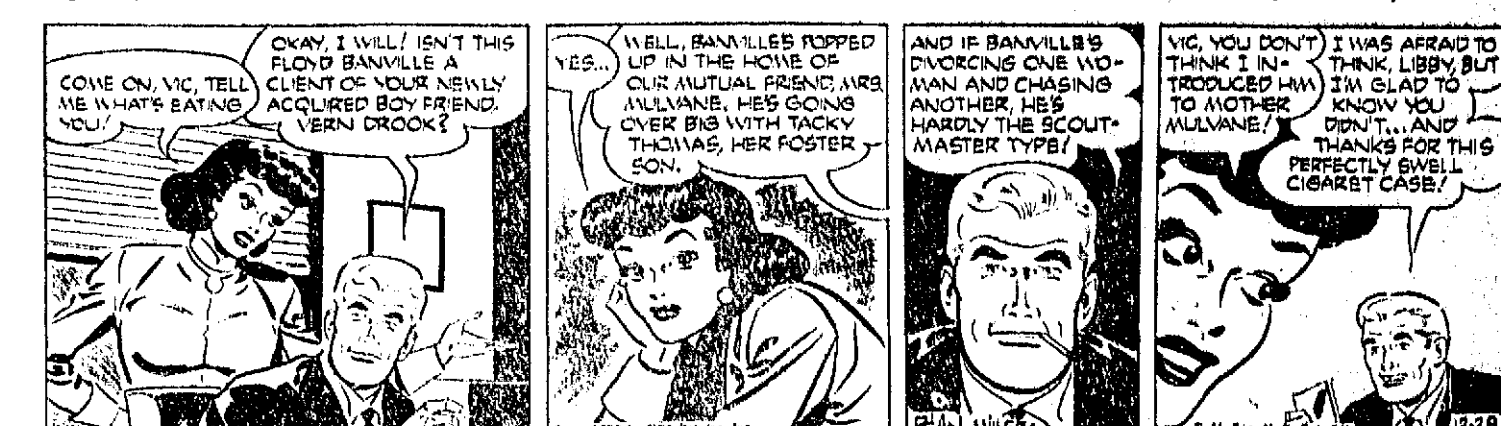
HENRY

By Carl Anderson



VIC FLINT

By Michael O'Malley and Ralph Lane



WASH TUBBS

By Leslie Turner





## PRESCOTT NEWS

**Intermediate G. A.'s Meet With Mary Buchanan**  
The Intermediate G. A.'s of the First Baptist Church met on Tuesday evening in the home of Mary Buchanan.  
An open Bible and candles were placed on the coffee table. Graceful arrangements of holly and holly were placed at points of interest.  
Miss Buchanan gave the devotion on "Living Worthy of Him" and led in prayer.  
Games were played and a gift exchange was held from a brilliantly lighted Christmas tree.  
Popeye was enjoyed during the evening.  
Those present included Nancy Buchanan, Ava Lou Barrett, Mary Ann Hunky, Betty Wilson, Nell Road Husky and Wanda Husky.

**Center Recreation Club Has Christmas Party**  
The Center Recreation Club met on Tuesday evening at the club house for a Christmas party.  
The club house was festive with decorations of holly and pine.  
A variety of games were played. There was a gift exchange from the gaily decorated tree.  
Coffee and cake were served.

**Mr. G. A.'s Have Meeting**  
The Junior G. A.'s of the First Baptist Church held their meeting on Tuesday afternoon in the home of their counselor, Mrs. Wesley Lindsey.

**Carol Sue Ferguson, program chairman, opened the meeting with prayer and presented the "Tell" program. She was assisted by Pat Wilson, Norma Jean Griffith, Betty Lindsey, Frances Howard and Polly Sherman.**

Christmas carols were sung by the group after which the meeting adjourned with prayer by Carol Sue Ferguson.  
Punch and candy were served during the social hour.

**Mrs. O. G. Hest, Mrs. Frank Gilbert and Mrs. Al Williams were the Tuesday luncheon guests of Mrs. Melinda Bright.**

**Mr. and Mrs. W. C. Wooley are the guests of Mr. and Mrs. Shell Blakely and daughter in San Diego, California.**

**Mrs. O. D. Cannon Jr. and Mary have returned to Dallas after a visit with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Clarke White.**

**Mrs. Matt Hill of Little Rock has**

**returned to her home after a visit with Dr. and Mrs. O. G. Hest and other relatives.**

**Mr. and Mrs. Horace Jones have returned home after being guests of Dr. and Mrs. Howard Pollock and Cary Stephen in Oklahoma City, Okla.**

**Mrs. Mettie Robinson, Mr. Jim Woods, Mr. and Mrs. Edward Robinson, Jennie and Betty Lynn were the Christmas day guests of Mr. and Mrs. Denton Robinson in Texarkana.**

**Mr. and Mrs. Allen Gee Jr. and Bill spent Christmas day with their parents, Mr. and Mrs. J. A. Yancey and Mr. and Mrs. Allen Gee.**

**Mr. and Mrs. James Howell of Little Rock have been the guests of their parents, Mr. and Mrs. R. T. Murry.**

**Mr. and Mrs. Granville Coleman and daughter of Memphis, Tenn., and Mr. and Mrs. George Parks Jr. of Little Rock have returned to their respective homes after a visit with Mr. and Mrs. J. O. Coleman.**

## Was Year of Dimensions in Hollywood

**BY BOB THOMAS**  
HOLLYWOOD, (AP)—This will be a year of new dimensions in the year of new dimensions.  
It was an optimistic year, compared with the gloomy ones that preceded it. People got the feeling that maybe the movie industry was going to stay in business, after all.

It was the year of dimension pictures and the 3-D's. A whole new set of words came into the Hollywood language: depthless, flatness, dimension, etc. Here is my annual selection of the hits and lows of the Hollywood year:

**Best pictures:** "From Here to Eternity," "The Robe," "The Cruel Sea," "Julius Caesar," "Mogambo."  
**Best actors:** Montgomery Clift, "From Here to Eternity," Richard Burton, "The Robe," Marlon Brando, "Julius Caesar," William Holden, "Stalag 17," Fredric March, "Mun on a Tightrope."  
**Best actresses:** Deborah Kerr,



**SLICK CHICK**—Luscious is the word for "Miss Southern Fried Chicken of 1953," as seen in the Hasty Pudding Club's 100th production "Ad Man Out." The part played by Harry Beckwith, of Newton, Mass., was one of the top hits of the Harvard University show, performed in Cambridge, Mass., by guys in dolls' clothing.

**"From Here to Eternity"** Audrey Hepburn, "From Here to Eternity," "The Robe," "The Cruel Sea," "Julius Caesar," "Mogambo," "Call Me Madam."

**Best industry news:** 20th Century Fox conversion to cinemascope, Best musical: "Bandwagon," Best western: "Shane," Worst picture: "Salome," Worst performance: Charles Laughton, "Salome," Best documentary: "The Living Desert."

**Most surprising performance:** Frank Sinatra, "From Here to Eternity," Most underrated picture: "5,000 Fingers of Dr. T," Nice wedding: Ann Blythe-Francis McMillan.

**Gaudiest wedding:** Rita Hayworth-Dick Haymes, Notable unions: Rosemary Clooney-Joe Ferrer, Lana Turner-Lex Barker.

**Most surprising split:** Susan Hayward-Jess Barker, Baby of the year: David Aron, Least surprising split: Eva All,

## Bonuses to Piggly Wiggly Employees

**Sunkel Piggly Wiggly Stores, in Texarkana and Clarksville, Texas, Dr. Queen and Hope, Arkansas, passed out Bonus Checks to all of its employees on Saturday December 19th.**

The bonus payment, amounting to 15,002.00, averaged 10 per cent of all full time employees salaries. All full time employees shared in the bonus payment except Management Staff Members, whose earnings are determined by the Company's regular profit sharing plan.

The bonus payment is based on a percentage of the profits of the store in which the employee works and is part of the company's long standing profit sharing plan. The success of our business is due, in a large measure, to the hard work and cooperative spirit of our employees, and this is a way of expressing our appreciation to them for their part in our growth.

## GOPs, Demo Leaders Go Into Huddle

**By EDWIN B. HAAKINSON**  
WASHINGTON, (AP)—The Republican and Democratic party leaders of the Senate arrive in Washington today for conferences that may

largely decide whether control of the 1954 congressional session will be in the hands of the GOP or the Democrats.

Aides said Senate Majority Leader Lyndon B. Johnson of Texas, the Democratic leader, will hold conferences in advance of the congressional meeting date, Jan. 6.

It is an election year session. Voting in November on all 435 House seats and 35 of the 96 Senate seats will determine party control of Congress.

Tension therefore is bound to be greater than in 1952, when Knowland and Johnson worked harmoniously on most legislation.

Public statements during the weekend by three Democratic senators marked out some of the lines along which Democrats, at most as numerous in Congress as Republicans, intend to press the majority party. In the Senate the Democrats, although not in control of the legislative machinery, are actually ahead in numbers—47 to 47 Republicans and one independent.

Cliffs of Formosa are highest in the world. They rise 6000 feet on the northeastern coast.



**USED TO THE WEATHER**—Freezing weather in Chicago, Ill., is no problem for these two 4-H delegates from Alaska. Neola Sandvik, left, of Palmer, and Richard Duzby, of Fairbanks, arrive in the Windy City wearing their native wolf-skin jackets, which they say stop even Chicago's howling winds.

## Jane Russell Agrees With Censors

**By BOB THOMAS**  
HOLLYWOOD, (AP)—Howard Hughes' latest defiance of the film industry's censors today brought open rebellion from his most famous star, Jane Russell.

Tomorrow in St. Louis, RKO will premiere "French Line," which has been refused a seal of approval by filmdom's self-censoring three office. The movie was reportedly turned down because of "some glaring breast shots" of Miss Russell and a dance by her that will certainly bring the censors to any theater where it is shown.

Hughes, who operates RKO, brought his publicity guns into action to promote the picture. His campaign was hampered by Mrs. Russell's statement that she thought the censors' office was right.

"I thoroughly agree with the censors," she told me. "It is the public's safeguard and the actors, too, I hope and pray the studio will make the censors request."

## State Highway Aid Totals \$8.5 Million

**WASHINGTON, (AP)**—Arkansas will receive \$8,523,216 in federal aid highway funds to use between Jan. 1, 1954 and June 30, 1957. Primary highways will receive \$4,009,014 of the total; \$3,280,781 is earmarked for secondary or feeder roads; \$734,576 for urban highways; and \$16,845 for the interstate system.

The Arkansas funds were included in the appropriation of 575 million dollars in federal highway aid to the states, announced this week-end by Secretary of Commerce Weeks.

The Department of Commerce also announced allocation of 22 million dollars among the states, Alaska and Puerto Rico, for improvement of highways in the national forests.

Arkansas' share of the total

## 43 Persons Saved From Split Ship

**NEW YORK, (AP)**—Forty-three persons, forced to lifeboats when their ship split apart in the storm-lashed Atlantic, were aboard two rescue vessels today.

But raging winds still whipped the sea into such fury that one of the rescue ships was unable to proceed.

Crewmen of the wrecked Swedish freighter Oklahoma, had drifted for hours in lifeboats on the icy, rolling sea before being picked up yesterday.

The freighter, split in two by sledgehammer ocean waves, was believed to have gone to the bottom. But the search for the wreckage continued.

The dramatic rescue operations hampered by a heavy sea, were completed by the U. S. Military Sea Transport ship Bluejacket and the Finnish freighter Orion.

Both ships then continued toward their European destinations. But Bluejacket went only about 15 miles before huge waves made it pull up to ride out the storm.

"Have to due to mountainous seas and severe storm," the ship messaged the Military Sea Transport Service in New York.

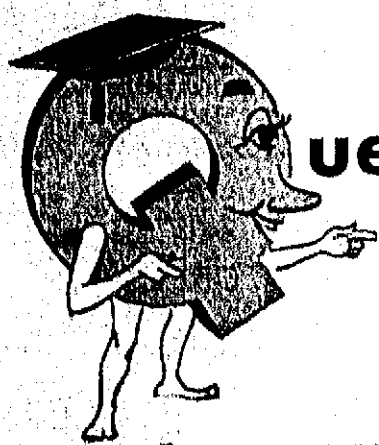
**Arkansans Held in Louisiana**  
MONROE, La. (AP)—Three Arkansans have been charged with simple battery here following a shooting in which two brothers and a state trooper were wounded.

Maj. Fred Barnes, state police inspector, said Faye Robbins and his brother, Robert Lee Robbins, both of Hamburg, Ark., and Marion Carlock of Crossett, Ark., were charged and freed on \$1,000 bond.

Barnes said the Robbins brothers and trooper Harold Daniels were wounded when three men attempted to disarm the trooper. None was hurt seriously.

Amounts to \$305,556. Sums for improvement of the forest highways are for use during the fiscal year beginning July 1, 1954.

## MEMO TO ADVERTISERS



Questions

and

Answers

about NEWSPAPER ADVERTISING

**Q. What are the 3 most important rules for profitable newspaper advertising?**

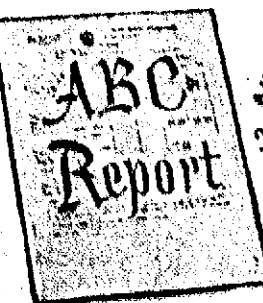
- A. 1.** Your advertising message should be newsworthy, friendly, informative, easy to read. Give facts and news about your merchandise and service.
- 2.** Advertise regularly. Make your advertising do what successful salesmen do—call on customers and prospects consistently.
- 3.** Insist on audited circulation reports that give you the facts about the audience that your sales messages will have when you buy newspaper advertising.

**Q. Is there a measure for the value of newspaper circulation to an advertiser such as the standards a merchant uses in buying merchandise—for example, like STERLING on silver?**

**A. Yes**—in the well known circulation standards of the AUDIT BUREAU OF CIRCULATIONS.

**Q. What is the A.B.C.?**

**A. The A.B.C.** is a cooperative, non-profit association of 3,450 advertisers, advertising agencies and publishers in the United States and Canada. Organized in 1914. Brought order out of advertising chaos by establishing a definition for paid circulation, rules and standards for measuring, auditing and reporting the circulations of newspapers and periodicals.



**Q. What does A.B.C. do for me?**

**A.** At regular intervals one of the Bureau's large staff of experienced circulation auditors makes a thorough audit of the circulation records of each publisher member. The results of each audit are published in an easy-to-read A.B.C. report for your use and protection when you buy newspaper advertising.

**Q. What are the FACTS in A.B.C. reports?**

**A.** A.B.C. reports tell you how much circulation, where it goes, how obtained and other FACTS that help you buy advertising as you would make any sound business investment—on the basis of known values and audited information.

**Q. Are all publications eligible for A.B.C. membership?**

**A. No.** Only those with paid circulation. This is important to advertisers because it is evidence that the paper is wanted and read.

**Q. Is this newspaper a member of the Audit Bureau of Circulations?**

**A. Yes.** We are proud of our circulation. We want you to know the FACTS about the audience your selling messages will have when they appear in these pages. Ask for a copy of our latest A.B.C. report.



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